

Kaera language

Kaera is a Papuan language spoken on the northeastern coast of Pantar island in the Alor archipelago of Indonesia. It belongs to the Timor-Alor-Pantar language family. Kaera is used alongside Indonesian in religious contexts, but Kaera is not used in education.

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Phonology

All the information in this section is from Klamer's sketch grammar.^[3]

Consonants

Consonant phonemes

	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	p b	t d		k g	
<u>Fricative</u>		s		x	(h)
<u>Nasal</u>	m	n		ŋ	
<u>Trill</u>		r			
<u>Lateral approximant</u>		l			
<u>Approximant</u>	w		j		

Vowels

Monophthong phonemes

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i • i:		u • u:
<u>Mid</u>	ɛ • ɛ:		ɔ • ɔ:
<u>Open</u>		a • a:	

Kaera	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Pantar Island
Native speakers	5,500 (2014) ^[1]
Language family	Trans-New Guinea ?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ West Bomberai ? ▪ Timor-Alor-Pantar ▪ Alor-Pantar ▪ Kaera
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	jka
Glottolog	kaer1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kaer1234) ^[2]

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External links

- [Kaera Abangiwang Collection](https://hdl.handle.net/1839/e21f8da0-eba8-461c-aaaa-d4f568f16675) (<https://hdl.handle.net/1839/e21f8da0-eba8-461c-aaaa-d4f568f16675>) at The Language Archive

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